

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2021

Scrutiny Review – Hospital Discharge	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee received a presentation from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in relation to phase 2 of this review (discharge to an individual's own home) in March 2021. Evidence-gathering for phase 2 concluded in April 2021 with a presentation from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>A progress update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to the previously-completed phase 1 (discharge to care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic) was considered in April 2021 (see 'Monitoring' section below).</p>
Problems or concerns	<p>The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on local health services has meant that contributions from NHS Trusts have been delayed (with the Chair's permission). As such, the final report for phase 2 of this review will not now be submitted to Cabinet until July 2021.</p>
Planned next month	<p>The Committee will consider a summary of all the evidence received for this review at an informal session (following the formal Committee meeting) in May 2021 where draft recommendations will also be formulated.</p>
On track – yes / no	<p>No (as outlined above)</p>

Scrutiny Review – Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task & Finish)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Following an initial tri-partite meeting, a draft scope and plan for this Task and Finish review was presented to, and subsequently approved by, the Committee in April 2021. It was also agreed that the full Committee would be involved in this piece of work.</p>
Problems or concerns	<p>None</p>
Planned next month	<p>The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group is scheduled for May 2021 and will involve contributions from the Local Authority.</p>
On track – yes / no	<p>Yes</p>

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Overview: A second overview report for the Adults and Health directorate, this time focusing on 'health' (Public Health / Environmental Health), was presented to the Committee in April 2021 (the first version, solely on Adult Social Care, was considered in February 2021).</p> <p>The Public Health aspect covered COVID Management work, non-COVID</p>

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	<p>Public Health work and views on future priorities, whilst Environmental Health elements included service roles, responsibilities and key functions, challenges and opportunities, and priorities for the year ahead. The Committee expressed thanks for the information provided and, even more significantly, the extremely important work undertaken by both the Public Health and Environmental Health services over the last year – areas which have touched on so many aspects of life during the ongoing pandemic.</p> <p>NTHFT Quality Account 2020-2021: The Committee considered key information regarding the latest North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account in March 2021 but are still awaiting the full draft Quality Account document to be sent by the Trust (appears that the usual timelines have been relaxed due to the ongoing pandemic). Once received, the Committee will prepare a statement of assurance for inclusion in the final published version.</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>NTHFT Quality Account 2020-2021: Further information requested (and subsequently received and circulated to the Committee) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update around the work on embedding integrated mind and body care as common practice, joining up and delivering excellent mental and physical health care, research and education so that we treat the whole person (one of the stated aims within the Mental Health priority). • Plans for addressing those cancer standards that have not been / are not being met. • More detail around the reasons for complaints in relation to 'attitude of staff' – are there similar themes here or does this cover a multitude of issues?

NHS Updates / Consultations

<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS): Response to the NHS England / Improvement Consultation on ICS Development, signed off by the Chair on behalf of the Joint STP Committee, was received on the 29th January 2021 – this was shared with the Council's Joint STP Committee representatives and the relevant Cabinet Members and Directors.</p> <p>Further to the publication of the Government's Health and Care Bill White Paper, a meeting of the Joint STP Committee was intended – however, this could not be arranged prior to the purdah period ahead of the 2021 elections. Awaiting confirmation from Durham of the next meeting date.</p>
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

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Regional Health Committees	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Tees Valley Committee: The final Committee meeting of the municipal year took place on the 19th March 2021 and included items on the TEWV 'Our Big Conversation' – Draft Strategic Framework, a TEWV Community Mental Health Service Framework update, and the TEWV Quality Account for 2020-2021. Middlesbrough Borough Council will be supporting and Chairing the Committee in 2021-2022.</p> <p>Regional Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>The following progress update has been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Hospital Discharge (Phase 1)</u> The first update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to the previously-completed phase 1 (discharge to care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic) was considered in April 2021. All but one of the actions was deemed fully achieved, and the Committee received information on communications mechanisms, 'designated settings' provision, testing of care home staff, and the continued sharing of national guidance.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the progress made since the end of 2020, in particular the strengthened communication arrangements between SBC and NTHFT, and the benefits of the Care Home Protection Group meetings which began after the first national lockdown was eased. The Committee requested a further update in the near future (to be determined).</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Homes for Older People (May 2021) • Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households (May 2021) • Hospital Discharge (Phase 1) (TBC)
Requests for more information	None

Next Meetings
<p>Tuesday 18th May 2021 (4.00pm) Tuesday 22nd June 2021 (4.00pm)</p>